

WORLD OF RADIO #1255, produced December 1, 2004 by Glenn Hauser

*New edition of Continent of Media 04-09 via <http://www.dxing.com> or via <http://www.worldofradio.com> and eventually on SW as WOR Extra 54

*Nets to You, new December edition via <http://worldofradio.com> as well as my Monitoring Reminders Calendar including special holiday programming pages of public radio stations

*KOA 850 Denver, also appearing on 11 meters, 25950, NBFM, since Nov 19, audible in Quebec around 1500-2100, a 75-watt remote pickup unit, KB99696; also heard in Virginia, Georgia, Florida; OK is too close

*Special MW DX test from WNTP, 990, Philadelphia, early Saturday Dec 11 from midnight to 1:30 am EST, 0500-0630 UT; 50 kW daytime direxional first half hour; 5 kW nondirexional 2nd half hour; off the third half hour. When on, marching music, voice, code IDs, tones. Report to rtetro @ pobox.com or Rene Tetro, CE, WNTP, 117 Ridge Pike, Lafayette Hill, PA, 19444-1901 for newly designed QSL card; WFIL 560 to test in January

*FCC FM auction a topic on COM; Mike Dorner comments that non-commercial groups will sue FCC over unfair competition

*New MW station in Alaska on 1110, KAGV, Big Lake, since Nov. 16; to run 24h with 10 kW from Dec 14, Alaska's Gospel Voice, just north of Anchorage; already DXed in Finland

*Galcom International website of daily prayer bulletins includes Feb 8, 2005: Unevangelized Field Mission trying to set up SW station to reach First Nation peoples in northern Ontario and Manitoba

*Robert Rabinovitch renewed as CBC leader for three years despite C minus marks for his first five years

*Complaints by Sandy Finlayson of poor reception of RCI in Philadelphia, 0100-0300 on 9755, 9810 [not 9780 as I said], and 6190. Sackville is just too close, and signals skip over if they propagate at all in long winter nights. RCI should use lower frequencies, or relay site to the south of the US, or retime to earlier such as when it used to be, 2300-0100. No problem in OK, but poor in Nevada too

*RCI's Ukrainian service gets another reprieve, at least until the end of January

*VOA had one hour in Ukrainian at 0500-0600 on 3985, 6170, 9875; now has added three quarter-hours in evening: 1615 & 1645 on 7190, 9735, 5970; 1800 on 6020, 7260, 11720

*VOA English program schedule finally posted; a lot more music, less news; overdoing Jazz America at multiple times: Sat 05, 08, 10, 13, 21, 23; Sun 05, 08, 13, 21, 23; weekdays 10 and some days at 21

*Rome Research Corp., subsidiary of PAR Technology Corp. awarded 1-year, \$1.8 mega contract to operate the Robert E. Kamosa transmitting stations for IBB on Saipan and Tinian; hope to get 5 years more; they also operate AFRTS SW relays in Guam, PR

*More contractor news; Office of Cuba Broadcasting soliciting for 9-month contract to improve Radio and TV Marti

*Radio Insurgente, Zapatista clandestine in Mexico, claims on website to have weekly SW broadcast, Fri 21-22 on 6.0 MHz, but we could hear no trace of it Nov 26, despite grandiose claim they even reach other continents. Also on FM, web, <http://www.radioinsurgente.org>

*Bandscan in Dominican Republic included on 1590, La Voz del Partido Comunista Dominicano, clandestine? at 2227 --- probably program on listed 1590 station, Radio Mundo, HIAC; also R. Juventus Don Bosco heard on 1640; and R. Taina, Planeta on 1620

*Only Dominican active on SW: R. Amanecer, 6025

*R. Habana Sunday Esperanto at 1500 heard on 9550, not 11760

*R. Nacional de Venezuela, via Cuba, keeps announcing first broadacst at 1900-2000 on 13740, but not heard for weeks

*Besides R. San Andres, new Peruvian on 5544.65, there was one nearby in 1993, R. La Voz de Andamachay, 5547.2; any relation?

*Radio Nacional, Argentina, 15345, accompanied by numerous spurs: 15420, 15270, 15500, 15570, 15650, 15720, 15800

*Since Xmas is on Saturday, Radio Netherlands will have special show greeting listeners; write feedback @ rnl.nl

*Flemish Minister for Foreign Policy, Media, etc., Geert Bourgeois, replies to listeners that he too has a problem with RVi plan to close non-Dutch broadcasts

*Half the staff at RFI, 541, replied to survey; of them, 507 have no confidence in management; makes strike more likely

*The non-commercial, non-corporate, non-christian, non-commercial media program, World of Radio 1255; P O Box 1684, Enid, OK 73702, USA: or woradio at yahoo.com

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*Standard disclaimer

*Scandinavian Weekend Radio, Finland, monthly broadcast for 24 hours starting Friday Dec 3 at 2200, with 100 watts each on 1602; 5980 or 5990 or 6170, and 11690 or 11720

*Sunday Dec 5, special from Latvia, Europa Radio International, 9290, at 1200-1400; reports via <http://www.europaradiointernational.co.uk>

*Sunday Dec 5, new via DTK is Radio Traumland, 5925, 1400-1600 to Eu; thence Sundays 1400-1515; except Dec. 24 instead of 26

*RFE/RL will remain in the center of Prague for two more years

*Croatia's 1134 kHz transmitter temporarily replaced by the 1125 unit; so mixing product with 6165 moved 9 kHz down, 5031 instead of 5040

*V. of Croatia in English; 0300-0330 7285 1134; 0700-0705 9470; 1700-1730 1134; 1905-1915 6165 13830; 2315-2330 7285 1134; 7285 and 9470 are via Germany

*Only daily English from Greece is Orientations, 1930-2000 on 7430; but Macedonian station on 7450, at 2118 was taking a call in English

*National Radio of the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic, 7460 via Algeria, has been off the air, but still on MW 1550, heard in Portugal; 7460 blocked by RFA Korean 21-23; Spanish had been at 1700-1800, but on Nov 25 at 2300-2400

*Burkina Faso no longer off-frequency, back on 5030.0, until 0001 sign-off just as Costa Rica was opening

*V. of Nigeria's modulation and transmission problems, hums and tones on 15120, 7255; on Sun Nov 28, English was on 9690, 1945-2045

*US Dept of State Inspector General report on IBB Djibouti station; land mines on site set off fire and explosion; detonated by RF??

*V. of Egypt is in danger, says Cairo press. Media minister having a brain operation in Paris; he will make the decision about closing language services. Hindi section asks for help; authorities think that Urdu is adequate in India

*R. Cairo heard on 6970 in English until 0330, // 7260, but it is a mixing product with the frequency halfway in between, 7115

*Minivan Radio, clandestine to Maldives Islands, 1600-1700 on 11810, jammed with pulsing tone, hand-keying transmitter, strong in Male, but not elsewhere

*V. of Tibet added another broadcast, 1100-1145 on 17515, but clashed with Vatican, so shift to 17525

*Bhutan off the air, or on sporadically, but heard Nov 25 on 6035 at 0105-0115 with choir of monks

*English from Myanmar, 5985.9 at 1430-1600, blocked by RCI relays via Japan and Korea, as heard here, let alone in Asia

*unID on 4830 at 1207-1219 with FE music: could be Mongolia, China Huayi, or Thailand

*V. of Korea, 15245, 07-09 with numerous spurs; one day at multiples of 16.6 kHz; more recently varying 60-61 kHz

*Four new relay transmitters for CRI in Albania inaugurated Nov 28, including English to NAm 0000 & 0100 on 6020, 9570; fluid schedule includes other English: 05 17505, 06 17505 11750, 07 17490 11855, 11 & 12 13665, 20 & 21 5960 7285; Albanian audio runs 1/4 second ahead of Kashi or Urumqi, China sites

*CRI completely blocking Prague on 7345 after 0000, but OK on 6200

*China via Chile relay, 2130 on 11720, very strong in Paraguay, but great audio problems, mixing several CRI languages

*PBS, Philippines, English at 0200 on new 12015, ex-11885; // 15120, 15270

*Radio Heritage Foundation has documentary this fortnight on RNZI Mailbox about Xmas 1974 cyclone damaging Darwin, and station 8DR via <http://www.rnzi.com>

*Propagation outlook from Boulder Nov 30; flux range 115-130-100

*This is Glenn Hauser, concluding World of Radio 1255 ####